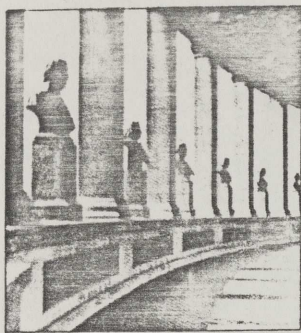




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February 10, 1976

William D. Conklin
American National Red Cross
Clara Barton Chapter No. 1
57 Elizabeth Street
Dansville, NY 14437

Dear Mr. Conklin:

I was pleased to receive your letter with a copy of the information which your organization intends to send to each Elector.

I am sorry to tell you that we have not yet finalized the list of the members of the College of Electors. We will send a copy on to you at the earliest possible time. However, you need not worry about a deadline of March 31, since that is simply the time limit on proposing names of candidates. It does not apply to mailing information to the Electors.

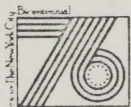
In regard to an approximation of expenses for dedication of a plaque and bust of an elected person in The Hall of Fame, I have been instructed to give you a figure of \$26,000. It is however, simply an estimate.

I am placing the copy of your letter to the Electors in with our other material for Clara Barton. Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,

Louise K. Forman
Ass't to the Executive Director

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January 31, 1976

Ms. Louise K. Forman
Ass't to the Exec. Director
The Hall of Fame for Great Americans
2 Washington Square Village
New York, N.Y. 10012

Dear Ms. Forman:

In your letter of October 16 last, you suggested that we wait until January before sending material on Clara Barton to individual electors. You expected that by then a new roster of electors (with addresses) would be available.

It is now the end of January and, as nearly as I can determine, no roster has been received at the Chapter House. However, our Executive Secretary has not been able to be on duty (except by telephone) for several weeks, and the office has been "covered" by volunteers. Something may have come and been overlooked.

It seemed well to write and explain the situation, since only two months remain before the April 1 deadline on nominations.

In writing on October 28, you said that you would be pleased to receive, from the Chapter, a letter of support for Clara Barton, even though an official nomination is not needed. I am therefore enclosing a proposed letter intended for electors. This would be copied on an elite machine before being duplicated, so as to increase the width of margins--and provide brackets. (Done by a better typist than I am!)

In reply to a question, you explained that the cost of placing a plaque and a bust in the Hall of Fame "must be borne by interested people outside the Hall of Fame." I would be interested to know the approximate amount that is usually required for this purpose.

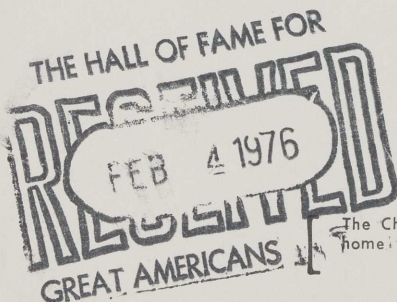
The information in your letters has been most helpful, and their cordial tone is fully appreciated.

Sincerely,

William D. Conklin

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(Date)

To the Electors of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans:

We have been assured that the name of Clara Barton will again be voted on in 1976. Our letterhead indicates why Clara Barton Chapter has reason to be especially interested.

A fairly comprehensive list of Miss Barton's major achievements is given in Clara Barton, Daughter of Destiny, by Blanche Colton Williams. The list, slightly condensed but with bracketed additions:

Teacher, Patent Office Clerk, Civil War nurse [more accurately, carrier of food and medical supplies to the battlefields], searcher for missing men after that war, lecturer, originator of the plan for rehabilitating Franco-Prussian War sufferers, founder of the American Red Cross [and its president, 1881-1904], founder of the First Aid Department of the A.R.C. [and, importantly, promoter of Disaster Relief as a suitable peacetime function of the Red Cross], diarist, speaker, author. . . .

Miss Williams might well have included Miss Barton's long and successful effort to secure U.S. adhesion to the Geneva Convention of 1863-64, under which the Red Cross operates; her founding of local Red Cross societies; and her service in the Spanish-American War.

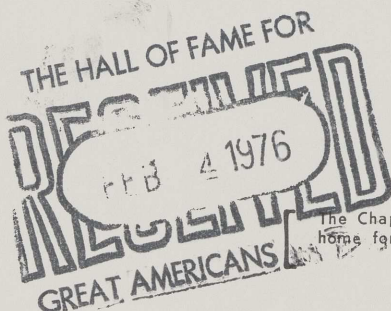
More on all these subjects will be found in the excellent biographies by William E. Barton, Ishbel Ross, and Marshall W. Fishwick. See also Clara Barton and Dansville, and The American Red Cross, A History, by Foster Rhea Dulles.

Recently, Clara Barton (as one of twenty women) was honored by election to the Women's Hall of Fame at Eisenhower College, Seneca Falls, N.Y.; and her home at Glen Echo, Md., is now Government property, designated a National Historic Site to be maintained by the National Park Service.

We respectfully request that you give the name of Clara Barton favorable consideration for the Hall of Fame.

Sincerely yours,

CLARA BARTON CHAPTER NO. 1, A.R.C.



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